

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Senate Journal
Ninety–Ninth Regular Session

FRIDAY, April 17, 2009

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Wednesday, April 15, 2009**.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND
REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS**

Read and referred:

Senate Joint Resolution 29

Relating to: the life and military service of Sergeant Clint A. Sikorski.

By Senator Decker; cosponsored by Representative Seidel.
To committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Joint Resolution 30

Relating to: memorializing Congress to not enact the Employee Free Choice Act.

By Senators Grothman, Olsen, Darling, S. Fitzgerald and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Townsend, Strachota, Brooks, LeMahieu, Nass, Vukmir, Bies, Gottlieb and Vos.

To committee on **Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs**.

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 169

Relating to: use of a facsimile firearm and providing a penalty.

By Senators Hansen, Olsen, Schultz, Darling and Cowles; cosponsored by Representatives Van Roy, Montgomery, Kerkman, A. Ott, Vos, LeMahieu, Berceau, Brooks, Nass, Townsend, Lothian, Spanbauer, Steinbrink and Ripp.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing**.

Senate Bill 170

Relating to: making June 19, Juneteenth Day, a legal holiday.

By Senators Coggs, Taylor, Sullivan, Miller and Lassa; cosponsored by Representatives Grigsby, Young, A. Williams, Turner, Fields, Cullen, Kessler, Zepnick, Soletski, Berceau, Parisi, Hebl, A. Ott, Bernard Schaber, Mason, Pasch, Jorgensen and Toles.

To committee on **Ethics Reform and Government Operations**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS

CORRECTIONS IN:

TO 2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau
(April 15, 2009)

In enrolling, the following correction was made:

1. Page 2, line 13: delete "40" and substitute "43".

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Thursday, April 16, 2009**.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 94** offered by Senator Coggs.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 43

Relating to: designating portions of the Totogatic River as a wild river.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 6 – Senators Holperin, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Noes, 0 – None.

Senate Bill 91

Relating to: the use of cellular telephones and other devices while operating certain motor vehicles transporting children and providing a penalty.

Introduction and adoption of Senate Amendment 1.

Ayes, 6 – Senators Holperin, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Noes, 0 – None.

Passage as amended.

Ayes, 6 – Senators Holperin, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Noes, 0 – None.

JIM HOLPERIN
Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS

CORRECTIONS IN:

TO 2009 SENATE BILL 98

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau
(April 15, 2009)

1. Page 4, line 3: delete "917.17" and substitute "971.17".

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State

April 17, 2009

The Honorable, the Legislature:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
Senate Bill 7 Act 5 April 28, 2009
Senate Bill 6 Act 7 April 28, 2009
Senate Bill 36 Act 8 April 28, 2009

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

April 17, 2009

The Honorable, The Legislature:

The attached report updates the analysis of overtime in state agencies that we first provided in a letter report issued in June 2008. Both documents focus on premium overtime, which is paid at 1.5 times the employee’s regular hourly rate, typically for work in excess of 40 hours per week.

From 2005 through 2008, state agencies paid a total of \$253.8 million in overtime, of which \$209.8 million was premium overtime. Premium overtime payments increased 15.8 percent over that four–year period, and 0.9 percent from 2007 to 2008. Payments at regular hourly rates to employees

who worked more than 40 hours per week increased \$0.8 million, or 11.6 percent from 2007 to 2008.

Our previous analysis found that 90.0 percent of premium overtime payments were made by four state agencies that either have 24–hour operations or respond to emergencies: the Department of Corrections (DOC), the Department of Health Services (DHS, formerly the Department of Health and Family Services), the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Natural Resources. DOC’s premium overtime payments declined \$1.3 million, or 3.7 percent, from 2007 to 2008, but the other three agencies’ premium overtime payments increased. Our June 2008 report recommended that DOC and DHS analyze overtime use at their facilities and submit options for reducing overtime costs to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee by January 5, 2009. Both agencies recently requested additional time to submit their reports.

We also reviewed 2008 overtime payments to the ten employees with the highest premium overtime earnings from 2005 through 2007. Although payments to six of these individuals declined, their 2008 premium overtime earnings ranged from \$25,666 to \$85,818. We identified 25 DOC and DHS employees who each earned more than \$50,000 in premium overtime in addition to regular wages for 2008.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by staff of the Office of State, Employment Relations, DOC, and DHS.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor